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Re: Cook County Judicial Subcircuits

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To the Members of the 102nd Illinois General Assembly,

Jocely Pacheco
Recording Secretary

HLAI, serving the Hispanic Lawyers of Illinois, writes to express support for the remapping of the Cook County judicial subcircuits consistent with the recently completed 2020 United States Census. The 2020 Census reflects that the Latino population grew during the last decade and now comprises more than 18.2% of Illinois' population. More than 30% of the City of Chicago's population is Latino, and Latinos account for more than 26.5% of Cook County's population.

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Latinos are significantly underrepresented on the bench in Cook County despite the growing and sizable population of Latinos revealed by the recently completed 2020 United States Census. The current Cook County judicial subcircuits map is based on data from the 1990 Census. This map is inconsistent with the Illinois Legislature's goal to create subcircuits in which diverse groups of judges can be elected from their communities. We have a responsibility today to create maps that fairly and sufficiently afford Latinos the opportunity to successfully compete in elected contests for the judiciary. This body is obligated to draw subcircuits that better reflect today's population.

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There are at least two Cook County subcircuits we can strengthen to enable qualified Latinos and members of our association to run for and serve on the bench. HLAI supports redrawing the Cook County 6th subcircuit map to encompass the predominantly Latino neighborhoods of Belmont Central, Belmont Cragin, Montclare, Hermosa, Logan Square, Kilbourn Park, Avondale, Humboldt Park, and parts of Irving Park and Albany Park. HLAI supports redrawing Cook County 14th subcircuit to encompass the predominantly Latino neighborhoods of Back of the Yards, Pilsen, McKinley Park, Marshall Square, Heart of Chicago, Little Village, Archer Heights, Brighton Park, parts of Gage Park and Bridgeport, and portions of the Town of Cicero.

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HLAI urges the Redistricting subcommittee to incorporate the above-mentioned facts and data as the subcommittee redraws the boundaries of the Cook County judicial subcircuits.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Andrea Belard
President